



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FAMILY & YOUTH MINISTRY @SMEC

Here are a few of the upcoming fellowship and formation opportunities for families at St. Michael's in 2022! Scroll down for more details, and for some exciting news about VBC and Summer Camp at Camp Allen.

JANUARY 30

all ages welcome!

10AM | PARISH HALL

sending love to our friends + neighbors

DECORATING VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

FOURTH SUNDAY 4 families

FOURTH SUNDAY 4 families

the sacrament of the Eucharist

connecting to Communion

a milestone in a child's life

Sundays at 10am | Gathering Room
4-WEEK SERIES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 6
for children entering 1st grade & up



YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASSES

8TH GRADE & UP

SUNDAYS AT 10AM IN ROOM 8 (EDUCATION WING)

5-WEEK SERIES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 6

LED BY THE REV. HOPE BENKO

BREAKFAST TACOS & SNACKS

NOTES

Decorate Valentines! Fourth Sunday 4 families on January 30 All ages are invited to the parish hall during the 10:00 am hour to decorate special Valentine's Day cards that will be sent to people in the St. Michael's community.

Each month, the Family Ministry team hosts an intergenerational activity in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services—we hope to see you there!

Connecting to Communion Classes Start on February 6 This new class is for children entering 1st grade and up in 2022. We will meet each week at 10:00 am for 4 weeks to explore how we connect to Christ through the sacrament of Eucharist. On March 6, we will welcome participating families for a special special blessing and to receive communion together. This opportunity is designed for families observing their child's first communion and for those wishing to deepen their child's connection to the sacrament. Please register by emailing Family Minister Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Youth Confirmation Classes Begin on February 6 In preparation for Bishop Doyle's visit on April 3, confirmation classes for youth will be offered this spring. Classes for youth will begin on Sunday, February 6 and will conclude on Sunday, March 6. Classes are scheduled during the 10:00 am hour, between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. The Rev. Hope Benko will lead these fun and informative classes; breakfast tacos and snacks will be served each week. Confirmation preparation will also include a day of service (time and date TBD). These classes are mandatory as part of the confirmation preparation process, though some allowances for absences can be negotiated. A separate track for adults will be available. Please email Fr. John Newton at jnewton@st-michaels.org for more information.

Guest Speaker Michael Dennin @ Seekers January 30 | 12:30 pm | Zoom only The group is reading *Divine Science: Finding Reason at the Heart of Faith*, by Michael Dennin, a physicist; *he is guest speaking this Sunday*. The parish is invited to join the discussion. *Divine Science* is an exploration of science and faith as complementary ideas. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.



Taco Sunday is February 6 Join us in the courtyard (or parish hall, depending on the weather) during the 10am hour for fellowship and a delicious breakfast meal. All are welcome.

Vacation Bible Camp—Save the Date! It's not too early to get excited about VBC, which happens the week of August 1! This year's theme is Catch the Wave. Registration opens April 1. Contact Family Minister Amanda at Amanda@st-michael's.org for more details.

Camp Allen Summer Camp Registration Now Open! Now is the perfect time to register your child or grandchild for a great week of camp at Camp Allen. The season begins in June, and sessions fill up quickly! For more information, or to register, click here: <https://www.campallen.org/summercamp.html>.

Rector's Bible Study: 1 & 2 Peter | Tuesdays @noon | Sundays @12:45 pm Did the Apostle Peter write the letters that bear his name? For a lively discussion of this and other questions about these lesser-known epistles, join Fr. John this spring on Tuesdays or Sundays now through March. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84620183719?pwd=ait6RFhzZFIRY2RxR0FqWTFvZ0JmUT09>, Meeting ID: 846 2018 3719, Passcode: bible.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

St. Michael's Book Club Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm via Zoom. February's meeting is on the 23rd and the book is *My Remarkable Journey*, by Katherine Johnson. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link. March's book is *The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich.

St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck The SMEC Women's Potluck group gathers at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. All women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays @9:00 am You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays @4:30 pm Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study @1:00 pm This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgVKG0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY LIFE

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email with questions at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Sunday School @9:00 & 11:00 am Each week in January and February, we talk about love: loving self, loving neighbor, and loving God. Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion. 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Family Life Center. Drop off is on the playground and you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.



Sunday School Volunteers Needed! Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help at 9:00 and/or 11:00 am. This is a great and fun opportunity to minister to the children in the St. Michael's community. Talk to Amanda on a Sunday morning to learn about getting involved or contact her at amanda@st-michaels.org.

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Would you like a caring person to be with you steadfastly, in and through a hard time in your life? Consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential program that provides Christian care to hurting people with our congregation and surrounding community. Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

Altar Guild The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week, the Owl class explored shadows and Arctic animals. It's so fun to see how they play with what they've learned. Thanks to Miss Jennifer for the photo.



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

Parish Prayer List

For Rachel, Michael, and the rest of the Ham family.

For Mimi, Gail's niece, who is in need of peace and healing.

For Terri Allphin, who will be having gall bladder surgery on Feb. 7.

For Michelle, friend of Chris Whitty.

For Richard Crawford, cousin of Carol Rosser; he is in the ICU with COVID pneumonia and other health issues.

For all those in the Ukraine region amid the current tensions.

For all victims of gun violence.

COVID-19

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Christopher's, Austin; St. David's, Austin; St. George's, Austin.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

STAFF DIRECTORY

Rector

The Rev. John Newton
jnewton@st-michaels.org

Assistant for Pastoral Care

The Rev. Elizabeth Turner
eturner@st-michaels.org

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Hope Benko
hope.benko@ssw.edu

Deacon

The Rev. Sherry Williams
sherry.v.williams@mac.com

Senior Warden

Kristen LeClair
kleclair0704@gmail.com

Junior Warden

Clark Whitty
clark.whitty@gmail.com

Family Minister

Amanda Evans Lang
amanda@st-michaels.org

Parish Administrator

Julie Hodges
parishadmin@st-michaels.org

Director of Communications

Christine Havens
chavens@st-michaels.org

Media Tech

Jeremy Aschenbach
jaschenbach@st-michaels.org

Choir Director

Dr. James Morrow
morrowj@austin.utexas.edu

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and by Barbara Rusling in celebration of her Aunt Lorene's 100th birthday on Jan. 31.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 1:4-10

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Psalm 71:1-6

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*